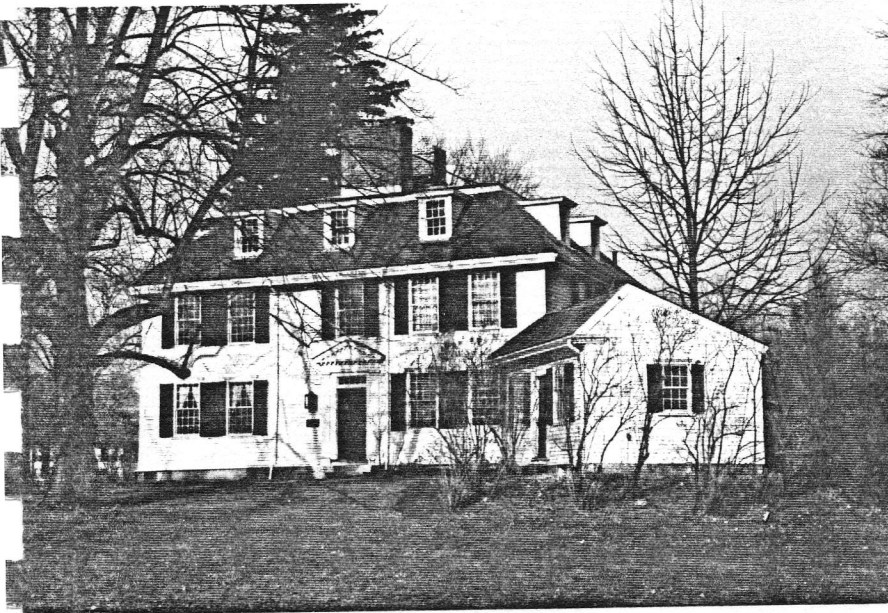


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary of State

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In Area no. B AC AH	Form no. 51
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Location Lexington

Address 1 Bedford Street
Buckman Tavern

Present use Museum

Present owner Town Of Lexington

Description:

Approx. date c 1713

Source

Style Georgian

Architect

Exterior wall fabric White Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features Modified hip roof
Central Chimney
Five over 4 windows
three front dormer windows
pediment & pilasters doorway
all on east
Addition on north-west

Altered Repaired Date 1974

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 140'

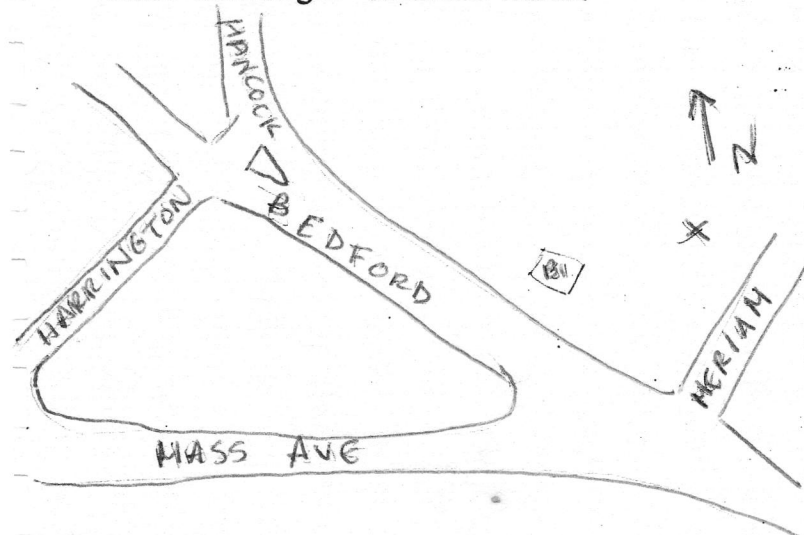
Approximate distance of building from street
30'

6. Recorded by Ruth Beebe

Organization Lex. Hist. Comm.

Date August 18, 1975

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John Muzzey

Original use Tavern & residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u></u>	Conservation	<u></u>	Recreation	<u></u>
Agricultural	<u></u>	Education	<u></u>	Religion	<u></u>
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u></u>	Science/ invention	<u></u>
The Arts	<u></u>	Industry	<u></u>	Social/ Humanitarian	<u></u>
Commerce	<u></u>	Military	<u>x</u>	Transportation	<u></u>
Communication	<u></u>	Political	<u></u>		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Registered National Landmark. Lexington Historical Society persuaded the town to buy Buckman Tavern in 1913. It is maintained by the Historical Society who keep it open as a house museum. By 1775 the tavern then owned & operated by John Buckman had become the site of Minute Men gatherings after musters on the green. The night of April 18, the Minute Men assembled here after Paul Revere's message warning that the British were marching out to seize the stores at Concord was delivered. When the British troops were finally sighted, the Minute Men who had spent the night waiting at the Tavern, rushed out to form their battle line on the green.

Source Material: Lexington Historical Society archives.
Booklet: "Story of the Buckman Tavern"

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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